

# 2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Impose budget proviso on \$148,500 GSF for HSD's Child Care Quality Program

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

Staff Analyst: Patricia Lee

Council Bill or Resolution:

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## ***Budget Action description:***

This green sheet imposes the following budget proviso on \$148,500 GSF of the Human Service Department's (HSD's) funding for the Child Care Quality Program:

"None of the money appropriated in the 2014 budget for the Department of Human Services (HSD), Youth and Family Empowerment Budget Control Level may be spent for outreach, training and assistance to new childcare providers until HSD conducts a competitive process for the funding."

Background. The 2014 Proposed Budget includes an increase of \$148,500 to the Child Care Quality Program's current budget of \$767,000.

HSD's Comprehensive Child Care Program (CCCP) provides qualifying families assistance with the cost of child care. HSD's Child Care Quality Program maintains a list of child care providers where families may use their child care subsidy. HSD assesses providers before they are added to the provider list and annually to confirm their eligibility to remain on the list. HSD's assessment considers a provider's leadership and management, fiscal management, family and community partnerships, staffing, health, safety, nutrition, physical environment, and curriculum and activities.

Currently there are 131 providers on the list.

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The additional \$148,500 in the 2014 Proposed Budget will be used for outreach, training and assistance to additional child care providers to help them meet the assessment requirements and be added to HSD's provider list. Emphasis will be placed on adding family home child care providers in currently emerging or underserved communities such as the Somali community. Additional providers will give families more options where they can use their child care subsidies. It will also allow HSD to assist providers in strengthening the care they provide. HSD's stated goal of doubling the number of providers from 131 to 260 is ambitious.

This work has traditionally been conducted by a third party. Council's intent is that this funding be awarded through a competitive process.